

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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INFO AMEMBASSY MBABANE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 0882

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, WZ

SUBJECT: KING'S BIRTHDAY

REF: MBABANE 1236

1. IN CONSIDERING MESSAGE RECOMMENDED REFTEL DEPARTMENT SHOULD BEAR IN MIND NEED FOR EQUALITY OF TREATMENT BY CHIEFS OF STATE. IN RECENT PAST NO PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES HAVE BEEN SENT TO KING LESOTHO ON OCCASION NATIONAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION. TO SINGLE OUT KING SOBUZA FOR SPECIAL MESSAGE THIS TIME MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO INVIDIOUS COMPARISON AND CONSTRUED AS U.S. ENDORSEMENT NON-REPRESENTATIVE CHARACTER OF PRESENT SWAZI GOVERNMENT, KING ON OTHER HAND WOULD BE VERY PLEASED BY SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY GIVE IT MAXIMUM PUBLICITY. SUCH A FRIENDLY US GESTURE WOULD BE ONE WAY OF DEMONSTRATING APPRECIATION FOR SWAZI SUPPORT U.S. POSITIONS IN U.N. AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

3. AMBASSADOR PRESENTLY PLANS VISIT SWAZILAND FOR KING'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND INTENDS MAKE BOTH PRESENTATION WITH APPROPRIATE MESSAGE.  
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